

Random Bible Fun Facts

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“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

- John 17:17

“Heaven is a real place. The more we know about it, the more we should anticipate it. As I have often suggested, Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people.”

— Pastor Don Piper

“The good news is there is nothing we can do that is bad enough to keep us out of Heaven; the bad news is there is nothing we can do good enough to get us into Heaven.”

— Zig Ziglar

I love fun facts. Here is one: “Goodbye” is actually a contraction of the phrase “God be with ye.” Here is another, The Jordan River flows into the Sea of Galilee which flows through the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest place on the surface of the Earth. Because of its high content of salt, nothing lives in it, and it is impossible to sink in it. See what I mean. Fun huh?

God speaks to us through his Word. We can read it, hear it, feel it, speak it, live it, walk it out, and meditate on it. It truly is one of the most amazing concrete human things. We can actually hold the word of God in our hands and we can actually quote the very words of our Lord and Savior. The wisdom contained in it is unequalled. No where else can we find the Word of God. It is also full of high adventure, drama, irony, poetic justice, romance, humour, and more. Here are some fun facts about The Holy Bible.

The Old Testament is roughly 3,000 years old. The New Testament is roughly 1,800 years old.

The Bible has been translated into over 2,000 languages.

The average Bible is 1200 pages in length, containing roughly 800,000 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters, resulting in an average 26 verses per chapter.

The Holy Bible is the all-time bestselling book. Over the past 50 years alone, there has been over 3.9 billion copies sold. Over 100 million copies are sold annually.

There are roughly 50 versions of the English Bible in print with revised versions numbering in the hundreds.

The current English Protestant Bible contains 66 books. The Catholic Bible contains 73 books.

The Holy Spirit Authored Bible through 40 human writers. Of those human writers, 5 were responsible for 45% of the entire Bible! Moses wrote 125,139 words. Paul wrote 32,408 words.

The Bible was originally written in Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek.

The oldest man mentioned in the Bible was Methuselah who dies at the ripe old age of 969 years of age.

There are around 185 songs in the Bible.

China is the largest producer of Bibles. There are 44 million Christians in China. Which amounts to 1 person in every 32 people.

There are 188 named women in the Bible. There are 1,770 men named in the Bible.

The shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, which states, "Jesus wept."

The longest word in the Bible is "Mahershalalhashbaz (Isaiah 8:3)

Adam's name is from the Hebrew word *a da ma*, which means "the ground."

The Bible takes place across three continents: Asia, Africa, and Europe.

The Bible doesn't mention how many wise men visited Christ, only that they brought three types of gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The most commonly used word in the Bible is "Lord," followed by God, Man, Israel, and People.

Ancient historians Flavius Josephus, Tacitus, and many other historians corroborate the historical accuracy of the New Testament in their works.

The Bible contains over 6,000 prophecy verses. Half have already come true.

Salt is mentioned more than 30 times in the Bible.

Seven suicides are recorded in the Bible.

According to a 2017 study by the American Bible Society, women are 20% more likely to read the holy book than men.

The term "Bible" comes from the Greek word "Ta Biblia" which means "the books" or "the scrolls." The word derived from the old city of Byblos in Lebanon, since it was the official supplier of paper production to the ancient world.

The completion of the Old Testament took over 1,000 years in history. Meanwhile, it took 50-75 to complete the Word of God in the New Testament.

How many manuscripts of the Holy Bible exist? There are over 5,800 complete or fragmented Greek manuscripts, 10,000 Latin manuscripts and 9,300 manuscripts in various other ancient languages, such as Syriac, Slavic, Gothic, Ethiopic, Coptic, and Armenian.

The oldest extant copy of a complete Bible is an early 4th-century parchment book preserved in the Vatican Library, and it is known as the Codex Vaticanus.

There is a total of 365 verses that tell us to fear not! One for every single day of the year!

Contrary to popular belief, Adam and Eve were not expelled from Eden because they ate the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but rather to prevent them from eating from the tree of life.

A common misconception in the story of Samson and Delilah, was that Delilah cut Samson's hair to remove his strength. But in fact, it was Delilah's servant who did it.

The word “Rapture” does not appear in The Bible. It is described as, being “caught up” or “taken away”, however, much like the word “Trinity”, the term was adopted long after the Bible.

There is no description of people mocking Noah for building the Ark. Animals were not just taken in 2 at a time but some were taken in, in quantities of 7.

10 people in total are brought back from the Dead in the entire Holy Bible.

The New Testament has a vocabulary of 4,800 words. The Old Testament has a vocabulary of 5,800 words.

91-year-old World War 2 veteran Donald Morrison survived a shell explosion, when an inch-long piece of shrapnel embedded itself in his copy of The Holy Bible which he carried in his field jacket pocket over his heart.

Jesus gets hangry at the Fig tree in Mark 11:12-14.

The Holy bible has a talking Donkey long before Shrek. Numbers 22:27-29.

The name of Jesus appears over 1000 times in The Bible. David appears over 900 times and Moses over 800 times.

If you read at an average speed of 5 minutes per page, it would take in and around 3.5 days to read the bible non-stop.

The Ten Commandments tables were double sided. Exodus 32:15.

There is a woman named Noah in Joshua 17:3.

Joshua was king at 7 years of age.

God shut the door to the Ark. Genesis 7:16

Stephen was the first Disciple martyred. James was the first Apostle martyred.

Every quote Jesus used against Satan was from the book of Deuteronomy.

Bethlehem means “house of bread.”

Amen means basically “so be it.”

Hosanna means “save now.”

Manna means “what is it.

Jerusalem at one time was called Jebus (Judg 19:10). It was also called Salem (Ps 76:2)(Gen 14:18)(Heb 7:1-2).

Paul had a sister (Acts 23:16).

There are approximately 34 false gods mentioned in the Bible.

There was a city called Adam (Josh 3:16).

God dried up the Jordan River so His people could pass through (Josh 3:14-17).

God parted the Jordan River for both Elijah and Elisha (2 Kin 2:7-9,14).

Job had worms in his skin during his trial (Job 7:5).

Who wrote the book of Deuteronomy? Did you say Moses? Well he wrote MOST of it, but not ALL of it. He could not have written the last chapter (34), because he was dead. Most believe Joshua finished it.

Only two people died by hanging in the Bible, and both were suicides (Ahithophel 2 Sam 17:23)(Judas Mt 27:5).

Eden means “delight” in Hebrew.

The first question God asked in the Bible was “Where art thou?” to Adam (Gen 3:9).

The word “hate” is used 87 times in the Bible, but the word “love” is used 310 times.

Judas “Iscariot” (Gr. *Iskariotes*) meant “Judas of Kerioth.”

In the genealogy of Jesus (Mt 1:1-16: the “royal line” through Joseph) are 4 women. Tamar posed as a prostitute, Rahab was a prostitute, and Bathsheba was an adulteress. Ruth, as well as the other 3, were also Gentiles.

A city in Egypt was named Memphis (Hos 9:6).

Jesus was on the cross for 6 hours (Mk 15:25,34-37).

Angels are mentioned in 34 books of the Bible.

Paul performed the last recorded miracles in the Bible (Acts 28:7-9).

Our word “excruciating” comes from the Latin word “*cruciare*” meaning “to crucify.”

God miraculously caused the sun to stand still in the sky, providing light for 24 hours straight (Josh 10:12-14).

Noah built the first altar in the Bible (Gen 8:20).

A man who was a newlywed was exempt from military service for a year (Deut 24:5).

Moses was the most meek (humble) man on the face of the Earth (Num 12:3).

Did you ever notice that Adam and Cain both received the same punishment for their sin: banishment (Gen 3:23-24)(Gen 4:11-16).

Jesus “sat down” before preaching His “Sermon On The Mount” (Mt 5:1-2).

In the synoptic Gospels, Jesus only called His disciples “disciples” one time: when He gave them directions for preparing for the Last Supper (Mt 26:18)(Mk 14:14)(Lk 22:11).

Angels do eat sometimes (Gen 18:1-8,22 with Gen 19:1). (Also see: Ps 78:23-25)

Members of Caesar’s household were Christians (Phil 4:22).

Philip is the only person in the Bible called an evangelist (Acts 21:8).

Eve means “life” or “life-giver.”

Israel means “strives with God.”

The Hebrew name Joshua is translated Jesus in Greek.

Jesus is called the “Lamb” 27 times in Revelation.

So, there you have it. Fun facts about The Word of God. It is safe to say that there is no book that compares to it. In fact, nothing compares to it. The Word of God. The God. The one and only God. Your God. My God. God of us all. Creator of everything. Christ be with you!

For me personally, what stands out for me in the Bible is how Jesus as God the Son received people. He received a woman in Samaria interrupting his rest. He received a woman in adultery interrupting his sermon. A blind beggar lost in a crowd, those who were possessed by unclean spirits, those who were infected with contagious diseases, those who were seen as the lowly amongst society, a remorseful woman interrupting his meal. None of his apostles washed his feet. But he washed theirs. None of those who were crucifying him asked for forgiveness, but he asked his Father to forgive them. And how he received those who demonstrated strong faith! Those who believed in him so strongly that they touched his cloak, asked him to heal their loved ones from a distance, a woman washing his feet with her tears and drying them with her hair.

There is a great prose entitled “One Solitary Life” which attempts to encapsulate Christ’s legacy in the Bible:

He was born in an obscure village The child of a peasant woman He grew up in another obscure village Where he worked in a carpenter shop Until he was thirty He never wrote a book He never held an office He never went to college He never visited a big city He never travelled more than two hundred miles From the place where he was born He did none of the things Usually associated with greatness He had no credentials but himself He was only thirty three His friends ran away One of them denied him He was turned over to his enemies And went through the mockery of a trial He was nailed to a cross between two thieves While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing The only property he had on earth When he was dead He was laid in a borrowed grave Through the pity of a friend Nineteen centuries have come and gone And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race And the leader of mankind's progress All the armies that have ever marched All the navies that have ever sailed All the parliaments that have ever sat All the kings that ever reigned put together Have not affected the life of mankind on earth As powerfully as that one solitary life. Attributed to Dr. James Allen, 1926.

I close by letting the holy Spirit speak for himself from the Word.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,”

- 2 Timothy 3:16

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